(c) No, sir.

(d) One Army Officer and three Civilian Officers have been placed under suspension.

(e) Any act of omission and commission in the Army is thoroughly investigated and action taken as per rules and regulations governing Army.

Anomalies in MES Civil Pensions

4442. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the retired MES civil pensioners from Yol in Himachal Pradesh in regards to anomalies in their pension grants; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/proposed to be taken to redress their grievances?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) In view of (a) above, question does not arise.

Tank Deal with Russia

4443. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the 'Pioneer' dated 16th February, 2001 captioned "$600-M tank deal with Russia";

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to strengthen the indigenous defence industry and carry out constant Research and Development and regular upgradation of fighting equipments in the country; and

(d) if so, the details of the comprehensive proposals formulated by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A contract has been signed on 15.2.2001 for the import of 124